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Family Times

Summary

Exploding Ants: Amazing Facts About How Animals Adapt

Animals adapt in many ways. They adapt to escape, trick, or overpower enemies. Some animals use their body to help out their species. Some adapt in order to survive. The soldier ants of the *Camponotus saundersi* burst in order to defend their colony. An owl eats its dinner whole and then spits up the bones and excess material the next day. More adaptations and interesting facts can be found in this selection.

Activity

Animal Magic What is the strangest fact you know about an animal? Talk with members of your family about interesting animal facts.



Butterflies taste with their feet.

Comprehension Skill

Graphic Sources

Graphic Sources are visual ways of showing information. They include charts, graphs, maps, and time lines. You'll understand what you read better if you preview graphic sources. During reading, you should compare any graphic sources with the text. To help you remember what you read, create your own graphic source, such as a diagram or time line.

Activity

What's Coming Up? Look at the graphs, charts, and photographs that go with a magazine article. Discuss with a family member what you think the article is about, based on the information you have learned from the graphic sources.